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HATCHERY PRODUCTION

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Chick Production

A total of 252,550,000 chicks were hatched during December, 7 percent more than December 1965 and the largest December hatch of record, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The hatch of broiler-type chicks totaled 216.9 million, or 3 percent more than the preceding December. The 1966 total of broiler chicks hatched was 2,739.1 million, which is 9 percent more than the 1965 hatch and an all time record high. The number of broiler-type eggs in incubators on January 1, 1967 was up 1 percent from January 1, 1966.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December are estimated at 35.7 million chicks, an increase of 32 percent from December 1965. Increases occurred in all regions and are recorded at 54 percent in the South Central, 49 percent in the South Atlantic, 40 percent in the West North Central, 27 percent in the East North Central, 21 percent in the West, and 10 percent in the North Atlantic. The hatch of egg-type chicks during 1966 totaled 574.8 million, 18 percent more than in 1965 and the largest annual total since 1958. The number of egg-type eggs in incubators on January 1 was 18 percent above a year earlier.

Poult Production

The poult production of all breeds during December 1966 totaled 4,611,000 poults, an increase of 51 percent from same month a year earlier. This is the third consecutive month that the poult hatch has exceeded production the same month a year earlier by more than 30 percent. There were 130.2 million poults hatched during 1966, an increase of 11 percent from the 1965 total, setting an all time record high. The number of turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 1967 was 11,766,000 or 51 percent more than January 1 last year.

Broiler and egg-type chicks hatched by commercial
hatcheries, United States

Month and year	Number chicks hatched		
	Broiler type	Egg type	Total
	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thousands</u>
December 1965	209,873	26,927	236,800
November 1966	212,061	35,302	247,363
December 1966	216,894	35,656	252,550
Jan.-December 1965	2,513,881	488,965	3,002,846
Jan.-December 1966	2,739,052	574,796	3,313,848
	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>
December 1966 as per- cent of Dec. 1965	103	132	107
Jan.-December 1966 as percent of Jan.- December 1965	109	118	110

Chicken eggs in incubators January 1, 1967

Geographic division	January 1, 1967 as a percent of January 1, 1966		
	Broiler-type	Egg-type	Total eggs
	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>
North Atlantic	100	109	103
East North Central	109	130	121
West North Central	96	113	105
South Atlantic	100	115	101
South Central	103	127	105
West	107	113	110
48 States	101	118	104
United States <u>1/</u>	101	118	104

1/ Includes Hawaii.

Poults hatched by commercial hatcheries, United States

Month and year	Number poults hatched 1/				
	Heavy breeds			Light	Total
	White	Other	Total	breeds	breeds
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
December 1965	1,666	501	2,167	886	3,053
November 1966	1,197	264	1,461	1,166	2,627
December 1966	2,715	724	3,439	1,172	4,611
January-December 1965	53,709	49,581	103,290	13,588	116,878
January-December 1966	71,022	43,614	114,636	15,564	130,200
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Dec. 1966 as percent of December 1965	163	145	159	132	151
January-Dec. 1966 as percent of January- December 1965	132	88	111	115	111

Poults hatched and turkey eggs in incubator

Geographic division	Heavy breeds 1/						Light	
	White		Other		Total		breeds 1/	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Poults hatched during December								
North Atlantic	0	7	3	3	3	10	0	2
East North Central	2/	156	2/	3	2/	159	72	109
West North Central	2/589	3/411	2/60	57	2/649	3/468	369	3/635
South Atlantic	357	588	179	117	536	705	349	322
South Central	163	660	76	195	239	855	5	9
West	557	893	183	349	740	1,242	91	95
United States	1,666	3/2,715	501	724	2,167	3/3,439	886	3/1,172
Turkey eggs in incubator January 1	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
North Atlantic	0	0	5	29	5	29	0	0
East North Central	368	390	14	14	382	404	206	141
West North Central	1,407	3/2,228	436	505	1,843	3/2,733	543	3/762
South Atlantic	651	1,224	472	142	1,123	1,366	469	435
South Central	856	1,856	70	250	926	2,106	9	0
West	1,361	2,037	791	1,590	2,152	3,627	141	163
United States	4,643	3/7,735	1,788	2,530	6,431	3/10,265	1,368	3/1,501
	Percent		Percent		Percent		Percent	
January 1, 1967 as percent of								
January 1, 1966 U.S.	167		141		160		110	

1/ Heavy white breeds include heavy white-feathered breeds, such as Broad white, white Holland, Empire white, Lancaster, and crosses with light white breeds. All other heavy breeds are reported under "other." Light breeds include Beltsville, Jersey Buff, Royal Palm and wild turkeys. 2/ East North Central and West North Central combined to avoid disclosing individual operations. 3/ A shift in reporting Heavy white breeds and Light breeds has been made. The sum of Heavy white breeds and Light breeds is comparable.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division	Broiler-type				Egg-type	
	December		January-December		December	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	5,804	6,293	70,468	75,819	312	461
N.H.	600	566	6,995	7,392	83	266
Vt.	0	0	2	1	0	0
Mass. & R.I. 1/	871	748	9,903	9,794	523	585
Conn.	1,123	1,213	17,265	15,031	481	331
N.Y.	70	10	835	610	1,470	1,800
N.J.	173	68	1,795	1,212	315	410
Pa.	4,650	4,344	55,225	53,884	1,640	1,456
N. A.	13,291	13,242	162,488	163,743	4,824	5,309
Ohio	540	580	7,400	7,310	1,160	1,360
Ind.	2,032	2,036	30,259	29,484	1,636	2,242
Ill.	35	15	763	681	801	1,144
Mich.	380	450	4,745	5,145	800	850
Wis.	1,047	1,110	12,559	14,585	256	300
E.N.C.	4,034	4,191	55,726	57,205	4,653	5,896
Minn.	663	667	8,190	9,229	519	819
Iowa	40	30	2,370	1,790	540	450
Mo.	2,002	1,755	34,328	28,230	156	432
N.Dak.	2/	2/	2/	2/	---	0
S.Dak.	2/	2/	2/	2/	95	220
Nebr.	4	4	1,598	2,029	167	242
Kans.	0	1	619	548	230	230
W.N.C.	2/2,709	2/2,457	2/47,537	2/42,590	1,707	2,393
Del.	8,782	8,426	101,536	107,006	3/	3/
Md.	14,101	14,858	155,757	183,382	3/	3/
Va.	4,685	4,783	60,969	65,249	381	452
W.Va.	438	485	5,702	5,992	3/	3/
N.C.	20,811	22,068	255,816	271,827	252	481
S.C.	1,237	1,280	15,510	16,030	354	411
Ga.	39,495	39,937	455,338	519,166	1,629	2,558
Fla.	1,636	2,320	18,093	23,924	1,807	2,722
S.A.	91,185	94,157	1,068,721	1,192,576	3/4,500	3/6,699
Ky.	168	200	2,939	2,345	142	216
Tenn.	3,536	3,733	45,049	47,463	407	504
Ala.	26,180	25,307	313,906	335,388	972	1,200
Miss.	13,854	14,875	165,363	185,425	974	1,233
Ark.	29,799	31,987	351,966	387,032	1,135	2,179
La.	3,014	3,599	32,501	39,755	170	184
Okla.	160	280	5,002	5,773	233	172
Texas	12,495	12,527	151,994	158,085	1,340	2,573
S.C.	89,206	92,508	1,068,720	1,161,266	5,373	8,261
Idaho	268	506	4,618	5,046	45	45
Colo.	9	1	281	285	150	131
Utah	233	133	2,596	2,557	70	193
Wash.	1,476	1,977	21,945	24,722	573	881
Oreg.	1,062	1,096	12,969	14,331	218	194
Calif.	6,284	6,534	66,723	73,113	4,642	5,332
West.	4/9,350	4/10,265	4/109,439	4/120,440	4/5,833	4/7,031
48 States	209,775	216,820	2,512,631	2,737,820	26,890	35,589
Hawaii	98	74	1,250	1,232	37	67
U. S.	209,873	216,894	2,513,881	2,739,052	26,927	35,656

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Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division	Egg-type :			Total			
	January-December :		December		January-December		
	1965 :	1966 :	Average 1960-64 :	1965 :	1966 :	1965 :	1966 :
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	: 5,273	6,164	5,285	6,116	6,754	75,741	81,983
N. H.	: 2,553	3,046	1,063	683	832	9,548	10,438
Vt.	: 169	174	22	0	0	171	175
Mass. & R.I. 1/	: 8,267	9,259	1,364	1,394	1,333	18,170	19,053
Conn.	: 6,785	5,396	2,235	1,604	1,544	24,050	20,427
N. Y.	: 18,500	22,960	1,443	1,540	1,810	19,335	23,570
N. J.	: 5,420	6,994	769	488	478	7,215	8,206
Pa.	: 27,521	29,218	5,451	6,290	5,800	82,746	83,102
N. A.	: 74,488	83,211	17,633	18,115	18,551	236,976	246,954
Ohio	: 21,940	24,130	1,630	1,700	1,940	29,340	31,440
Ind.	: 24,165	31,345	4,542	3,668	4,278	54,424	60,829
Ill.	: 20,534	23,005	778	836	1,159	21,297	23,686
Mich.	: 10,530	12,365	1,006	1,180	1,300	15,275	17,510
Wis.	: 7,132	7,775	1,203	1,303	1,410	19,691	22,360
E. N. C.	: 84,301	98,620	9,158	8,687	10,087	140,027	155,825
Minn.	: 21,081	25,780	1,197	1,182	1,486	29,271	35,009
Iowa	: 31,570	30,440	485	580	480	33,440	32,230
Mo.	: 13,144	15,648	4,869	2,158	2,187	47,440	43,878
N. Dak.	: 1,123	1,379	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
S. Dak.	: 8,370	9,760	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Nebr.	: 10,160	12,531	106	171	246	11,758	14,560
Kans.	: 6,974	7,554	303	230	231	7,593	8,102
W. N. C.	: 92,422	103,092	2/7,026	2/4,416	2/4,850	2/139,959	2/145,682
Del.	: 3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Md.	: 3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Va.	: 6,794	7,936	5,513	5,066	5,235	67,763	73,185
W. Va.	: 3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
N. C.	: 8,871	8,248	16,158	21,063	22,549	264,687	280,075
S. C.	: 6,454	8,714	1,796	1,591	1,691	21,964	24,744
Ga.	: 26,715	37,933	31,770	41,124	42,495	482,053	557,099
Fla.	: 21,481	28,443	2,595	3,443	5,042	39,574	52,367
S. A.	: 3/71,517	3/92,539	3/76,032	3/95,685	3/100,856	3/1,140,238	3/1,285,115
Ky.	: 4,075	3,736	535	310	416	7,014	6,081
Tenn.	: 6,325	9,504	3,568	3,943	4,237	51,374	56,967
Ala.	: 14,291	15,562	17,358	27,152	26,507	328,197	350,950
Miss.	: 13,427	16,111	12,657	14,828	16,108	178,790	201,536
Ark.	: 15,399	21,376	20,123	30,934	34,166	367,365	408,408
La.	: 3,147	3,410	2,221	3,184	3,783	35,648	43,165
Okla.	: 3,583	3,759	611	393	452	8,585	9,532
Texas	: 24,003	31,515	11,815	13,835	15,100	175,997	189,600
S. C.	: 84,250	104,973	68,887	94,579	100,769	1,152,970	1,266,239
Idaho	: 1,077	1,071	407	313	551	5,695	6,117
Colo.	: 2,009	2,133	105	159	132	2,290	2,418
Utah	: 1,494	1,768	205	303	326	4,090	4,325
Wash.	: 10,703	11,582	1,878	2,049	2,858	32,648	36,304
Oreg.	: 2,588	2,752	1,190	1,280	1,290	15,557	17,083
Calif.	: 60,498	68,861	10,500	10,926	11,866	127,221	141,974
West	: 4/81,034	4/91,702	4/14,500	4/15,183	4/17,296	4/190,473	4/212,142
48 States	: 488,012	574,137	193,237	236,665	252,409	3,000,643	3,311,957
Hawaii	: 953	659	191	135	141	2,203	1,891
U. S.	: 488,965	574,796	193,428	236,800	252,550	3,002,846	3,313,848

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